

May 24, 2010 - Special Town Council Meeting

At a Special Meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Middletown, RI, held at the Middletown Town Hall on Monday, May 24, 2010 at 6:00 P.M.

Council President Christopher T. Semonelli, Presiding

Vice Chairman Richard Cambra

Councillor M. Theresa Santos

Councillor Robert J. Sylvia

Councillor Barbara A. VonVillas, Members Present

Councillor Frank A. Bozyan, Absent

Councillor Edward J. Silveira, Jr.

POSTED – May 20, 2010

Wendy J.W. Marshall, Town Clerk

Town of Middletown

Town Hall – 350 East Main Road

Middletown, Rhode Island 02842

Dear Mrs. Marshall:

Pursuant to the provisions of Article II, Section 203 of the Town Charter and in accordance with Sections 42-46-2., 42-46-4. and 42-46-6., RIGL, I hereby call a Special Meeting of the Town Council to

formally consider, discuss and act upon the following items of business:

Consider Town Administrator recommendation to appoint subcommittee to Town Council to review and make recommendations regarding civic appropriation applications.

Review of FY 2010-2011 Proposed Department Budgets and matters related thereto

- a) General Fund**
- b) Parks & Recreation Fund**
- c) Refuse & Recycling Fund**
- d) Capital Improvement Program**
- e) Sewer Fund**
- f) School Unrestricted Funds**

g) School Restricted Funds

Review of Town Administrator memorandum dated May 17, 2010.

a) Tentatively approve changes to spending and services not requiring further analysis and/or discussion.

b) Review changes to spending and services that may require further discussion and identify additional information necessary to conclude consideration.

Adopt proposed budget schedule.

Said meeting will be held on Monday, May 24, 2010, at 6:00 P.M. at the Middletown Town Hall, 350 East Main Road, Middletown, Rhode Island 02842.

President

Christopher T. Semonelli,

Middletown Town Council

CC:

Town Council

Public Library

Finance Director

Town Administrator

Town Solicitor

IT Director

Human Resource Manager

Town Planner

Tax Assessor

Public Works Director

Building Official

Police Chief

Fire Chief

Senior Director

Recreation Director

School Department

This meeting location is accessible to the handicapped. Individuals requiring interpreter services for the hearing-impaired should notify the Town Clerk's Office at 847-0009 not less than 48 hours before the meeting.

On motion of Vice Chairman Cambra, duly seconded, it was voted unanimously to receive said communication.

Also present were Town Administrator Shawn Brown, Finance Director Lynne Dible, Deputy Finance Director Marc Tanguay and Accounting Manager Deborah Barrett.

Consider Town Administrator recommendation to appoint subcommittee to Town Council to review and make recommendations regarding civic appropriation applications.

Town Administrator Shawn Brown requested the Council to appoint a sub-committee to review civic appropriation requests and make recommendations to the Council.

On motion of Councillor Sylvia, duly seconded, it was voted unanimously to create a subcommittee to review civic appropriation requests.

On motion of Councillor Sylvia, duly seconded, to appoint Councillor Santos and Councillor VonVillas to said subcommittee; Council President Semonelli amended said motion, duly seconded to appoint Councillor Bozyan to said subcommittee; a vote was taken; it was voted unanimously to appoint Councillor Santos, Councillor VonVillas and Councillor Bozyan to said subcommittee.

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Council President Semonelli announced that the Council would entertain public input until 6:30 pm regarding the Refuse and Recycling Program.

Paul Lamond, 2 Porter Road, suggests increasing the Refuse and Recycling fees. Mr. Lamond noted the cost of the program would still be less than that of a private hauler.

John Bagwill, 587 Tuckerman Avenue, noted his support for doubling the participation fee and increasing the bag rate. Mr. Bagwill also

suggests adding the program to the tax rate.

Manny Mello, Beacon Terrace North, noted the problem of too many outside haulers that are not recycling. Mr. Mello suggests an ordinance requiring outside haulers to confirm they are recycling.

Art Benner, 3 Namquid Drive, noted that the Town has set an example with a successful trash program. Mr. Benner supports the program and recommends not giving it up.

Don Mallinson, 201 Fairway Drive, supports the program noting the importance to the environment.

Maggie Bulmer, 3 Wood Road, noted she is against the elimination of the program and explained the importance of recycling. Ms. Bulmer is in favor of requesting the State Legislator to require mandatory recycling.

Bob Jankuska, 1 Weetamoe Road, questioned the yearly loss of the Pay as You Throw Program. Mr. Jankuska noted he is not in support of the program; the cost of the program will rise yearly.

Antone Vivieros, 110 Indian Hill Road, requested the Council to pass an ordinance requiring all haulers to recycle. Mr. Vivieros noted that trash is a health and safety issue.

David Leys, 599 Wolcott Avenue, suggests making the Pay as You Throw program mandatory. Mr. Leys noted support for the bulky waste day and suggests additional days be offered yearly.

Town Administrator Shawn Brown reviewed the following handout concerning the Pay As You Throw program entered here:

Mr. Brown noted to make the program mandatory, a request to the

General Assembly is required and a special election would necessary. Mr. Brown suggests increasing the participation fee and the bag price remain the same.

Discussion centered around the cost of the program, participation fee, bag costs, size of bags, compliance of residents using the program and truck routes.

The consensus of the Council is to double the Pay As You Throw participation fee and the bag price remain the same.

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further discussion and identify additional information necessary to conclude consideration.

Town Administrator Shawn Brown reviewed his memorandum dated May 17, 2010, which contains details for a 0% budget. The memorandum is on file in the Office of the Town Clerk.

Discussion centered around the postponement of salary increases for non-union employees, CIP projects, restructuring building permit fees, increasing licensing fees, fee increases for the parks and recreation program, beach, campground and mooring fees, tax collection rates, reductions in travel expenses, elimination of furniture replacements, reduction in supplies, the proposed Farmers Market, remediation of Kempenaar Valley, the harbor master position and overtime costs associated with the service, and the condition and repairs necessary for Town bridges.

Councillor Sylvia left at 8:14 pm.

Adopt proposed budget schedule.

On motion of Vice Chairman Cambra, duly seconded, it was voted unanimously to adopt said budget schedule.

On motion of Councillor Santos, duly seconded, it was voted unanimously to adjourn this meeting at 8:40 P.M.

Wendy J.W. Marshall, CMC

Council Clerk

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